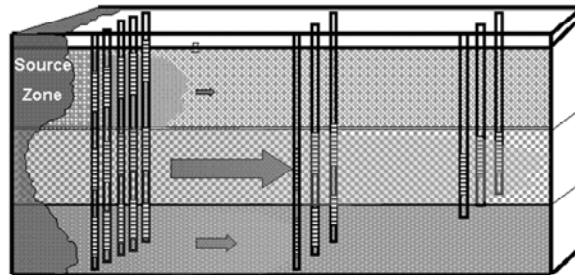


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## Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge



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Most decisions at groundwater contamination sites are driven by measurements of contaminant concentration – snapshots of contaminant concentrations that may appear to be relatively stable or show notable changes over time. Decisions can be improved by considering mass flux and mass discharge. Mass flux and mass discharge quantify the source or plume strength at a given time and location resulting in better-informed management decisions regarding site prioritization or remedial design as well as lead to significant improvements in remediation efficiency and faster cleanup times. The use of mass flux and mass discharge is increasing and will accelerate as field methods improve and practitioners and regulators become familiar with its application, advantages, and limitations. The decision to collect and evaluate mass flux data is site-specific. It should consider the reliability of other available data, the uncertainty associated with mass flux measurements, the specific applications of the mass flux data, and the cost-benefit of collecting mass measurements.

The ITRC technology overview, *Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge* (MASSFLUX-1, 2010), and associated Internet-based training provide a description of the underlying concepts, potential applications, description of methods for measuring and calculating, and case studies of the uses of mass flux and mass discharge. This Technology Overview, and associated Internet-based training are intended to foster the appropriate understanding and application of mass flux and mass discharge estimates, and provide examples of use and analysis. The document and training assumes the participant has a general understanding of hydrogeology, the movement of chemicals in porous media, remediation technologies, and the overall remedial process. Practitioners, regulators, and others working on groundwater sites should attend this training course to learn more about various methods and potential use of mass flux and mass discharge information.


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## What You Will Learn...

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- ▶ What is mass flux and mass discharge
- ▶ Why these are useful metrics
- ▶ How mass flux and discharge can complement concentration-based measures
- ▶ What methods are available to measure mass flux and discharge
- ▶ How to calculate mass flux and discharge
- ▶ How existing site data may be used to estimate mass flux and discharge
- ▶ How to manage uncertainty
- ▶ Regulatory considerations with mass flux and discharge estimates



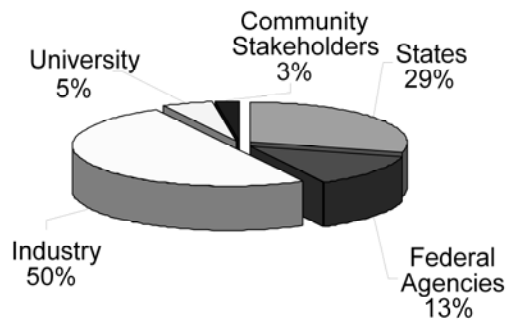
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## ITRC Mass Flux Project



- ▶ Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge (MASSFLUX-1, 2010)
- ▶ Other products
  - In Situ Bioremediation of Chlorinated Ethene: DNAPL Source Zones (BioDNAPL-3, 2008)
  - Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy (IDSS-1, 2011)
- ▶ [www.itrcweb.org](http://www.itrcweb.org)
  - Integrated DNAPL Site Characterization (coming soon)

**Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy Team**



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## ITRC Technology Overview



### ► Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge (ITRC MASSFLUX-1, 2010)

- Concepts, measurement / estimation methods, and uses
- Regulatory considerations
- Case study review

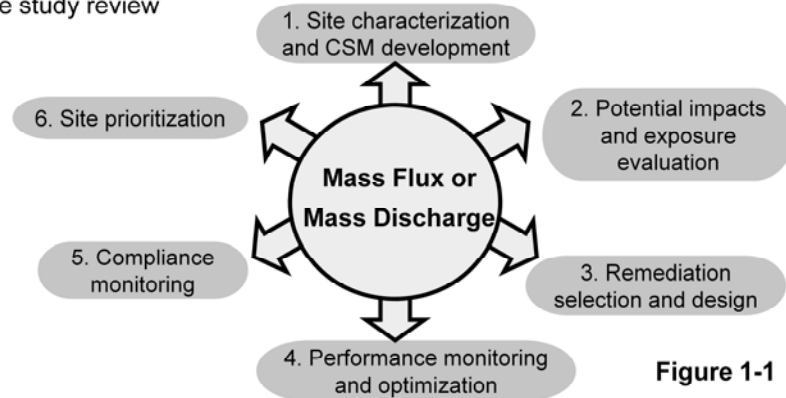


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## Regulatory Considerations Associated with Mass Flux and Mass Discharge



### ► Precedent for use in a regulatory context

- Federal Superfund
  - Signed Record of Decision (ROD) identifying a mass discharge interim goal was accepted in October 2009
- Surface water regulations
  - Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)
  - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

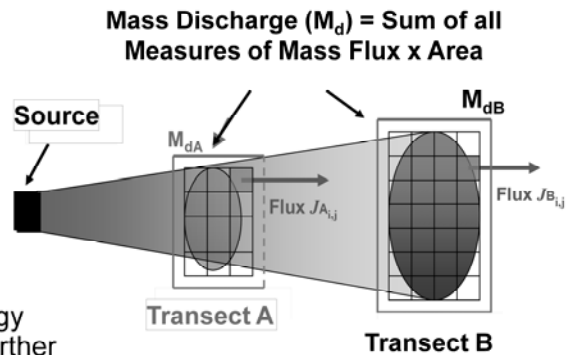
### ► Issues with regulatory acceptance

- Complexity and uncertainty of mass flux measurements
- How to relate mass flux to risk and exposure
- Unclear how mass flux relates to standard regulatory metrics
  - e.g., Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)

I NPDES permits you are required to report concentration and mass measurements

## Questions to Consider

- ▶ Why should I estimate mass flux/discharge at my site?
- ▶ How do I calculate mass flux/discharge?
- ▶ What are the cost/benefits of using mass flux/discharge?
- ▶ Can mass flux help measure compliance?
- ▶ Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy Tech-Reg Guidance (2011) further describes uses of mass flux/discharge estimates



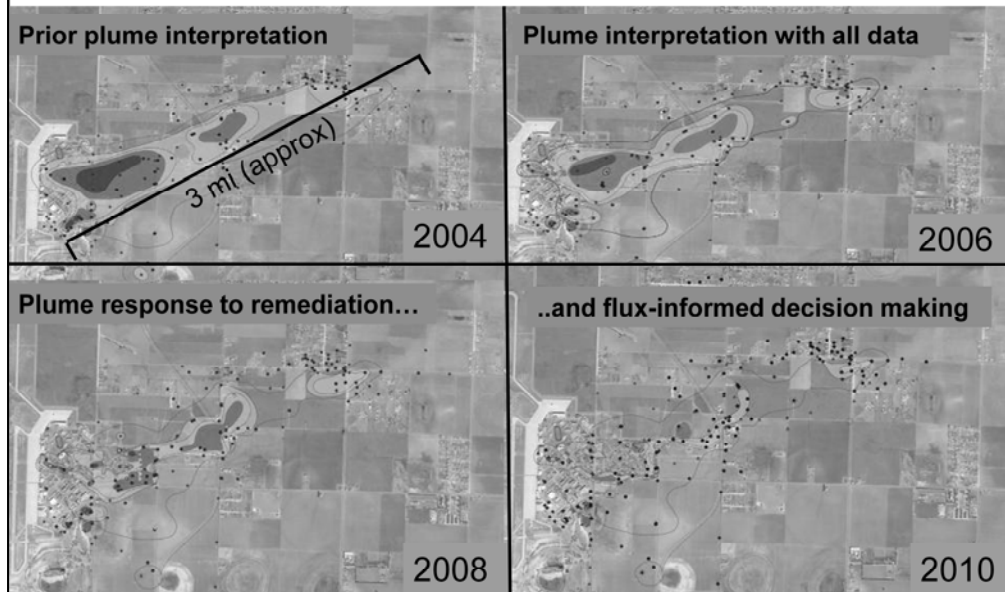
$J_{Aij}$  = Individual mass flux measurement at Transect A

$M_{dA}$  = Mass discharge at transect A (sum of all of the mass discharge estimates for each specific area [ $J_{aj} \times A$ ])

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## Case Studies: Real Life Application of Mass Flux

Case study from  
F. Payne, ARCADIS



Near the end of today's presentation we have several case studies that show how mass flux has been applied at several sites across the country to help remediate sites more efficiently. Pay attention to the presentation between now and then so you can see how to apply mass flux concepts that helped this site at Reese Air Force Base significantly address its groundwater contamination as shown by the shrinking plumes depicted here.

## Course Roadmap

➔ ▶ Mass concepts

▶ Measurement methods

▶ Application

▶ Case studies

▶ Summary

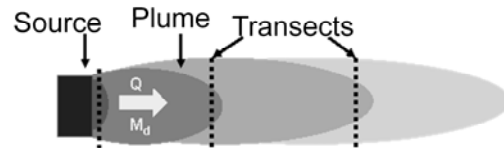


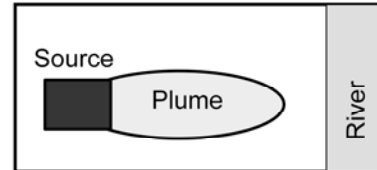
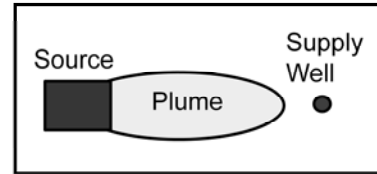
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This section discusses the fundamental concepts of mass flux and discharge: the definitions, how these metrics compare to concentration data, how flux and discharge can be estimated, how flux and discharge change over time as sources and plumes evolve, and how flux and discharge can be valuable for site management.

## Mass Flux and Mass Discharge: Why Care?

### *Better Understanding Yields Smarter Solutions!*

- ▶ To augment concentrations, not replace them
- ▶ Allows targeted remediation strategies
  - Most flux is in a small fraction of the volume
- ▶ Provides meaningful performance metrics
  - Links partial treatment to risk reduction
- ▶ Basis for existing groundwater models
  - Already used but often ignored
- ▶ Recent advances in techniques



*Downgradient Risk Due  
to Mass Discharge  
NOT Concentration*

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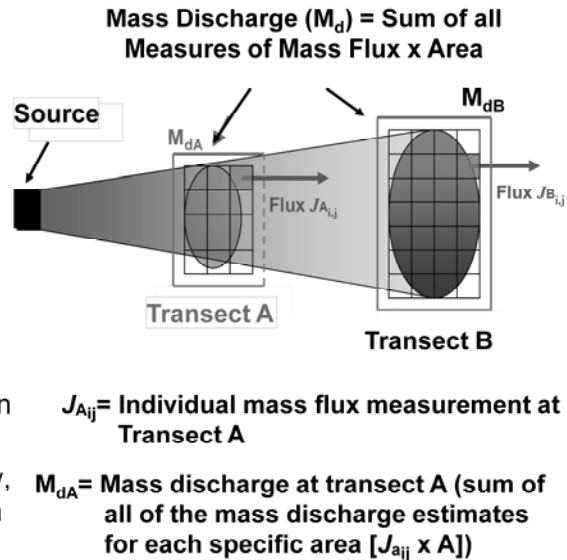
## Definitions

### ► Mass discharge

- The total mass of any solute conveyed by a plume at a given location
- $M_d$  is a scalar quantity, expressed as mass/time

### ► Mass flux

- The rate of solute mass moving across a specific defined area, usually a portion of the plume cross-section
- Mass flux is a vector quantity, expressed as mass/time/area



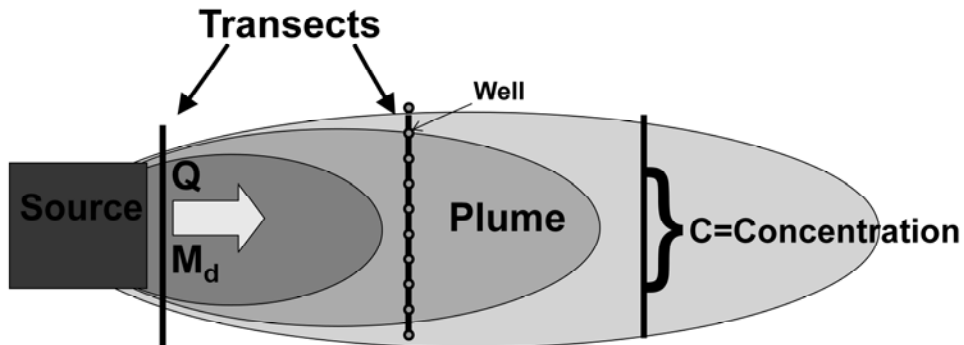
Fundamental principles of contaminant hydrogeology. Terms are often confused – in particular, “mass flux” is often used for both concepts. Measures the total mass of contaminant, or other solute, in motion. Measuring mass flux identifies the variations in the mass and flow velocity across a plume.

Excellent fundamental descriptions are given in:

R. B. Bird, W. E. Stewart, and E. N. Lightfoot. Transport Phenomena. Revised 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2007. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

C.W. Fetter. Contaminant Hydrogeology. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1999. Waveland Press, Inc.

## Mass Discharge: Source or Plume Strength



**Across any Transect, a Contaminant Plume Conveys:**

Groundwater Discharge, **Q** (e.g., L/day)

Contaminant **Mass Discharge**, **M<sub>d</sub>** (e.g., g/day or kg/year)

$$M_d = Q \times C \quad (\text{L/day} \times \text{mg/L} = \text{mg/day})$$

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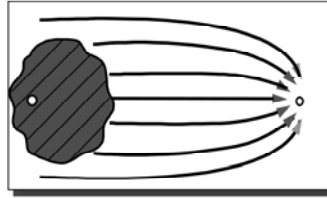
Transitioning into mass discharge—

Mass discharge is equivalent to source or plume strength. Looking down on a plume, a transect immediately down gradient of the source measures the mass loading to the plume, which changes with time, and transects further downgradient measure the mass in motion. The difference in mass discharge with distance is the natural attenuation rate, in a plume that is stable.

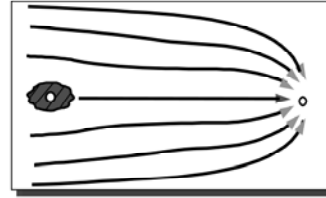
## Mass Discharge and Concentration

- ▶ Concentration-based approach may not account for important site characteristics
  - Large vs. small releases
  - Pumping rate at the receptor well

**Case A: Large Release**  
High Max. Conc. and High Md



**Case B: Small Release**  
High Max. Conc. and Low Md



**KEY  
POINT:**

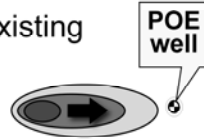
Evaluation of mass discharge ( $M_d$ ) can increase understanding of site and be an important component of the site conceptual model

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## Mass Discharge vs. Traditional Approach

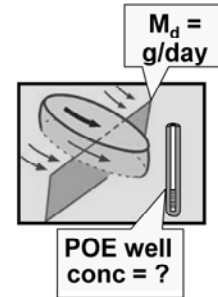
► **Traditional Approach:** Measure existing plume **concentrations** to assess

- Impact on receptor wells
- Natural attenuation rates
- Remedial options



► **Mass Discharge Approach:** Define rate of **mass discharge** across specified cross-sectional areas of plume to assess

- Impact on receptor wells
- Natural attenuation rates
- Remedial options



**KEY BENEFITS:**

Mass discharge approach sometimes offers a better understanding of potential risks and attenuation rates, and can lead to sounder remediation strategies.

Mass discharge approach based on Einarson and Mackay (2001) ES&T, 35(3): 67A-73A

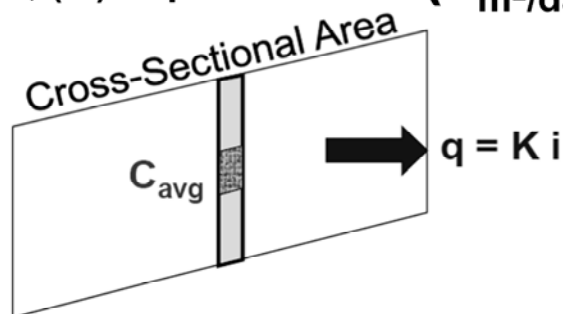
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## What Is Mass Flux?

1. Specific Discharge,  $q = K \times i$   $\left( \frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}^2/\text{day}} \right)$

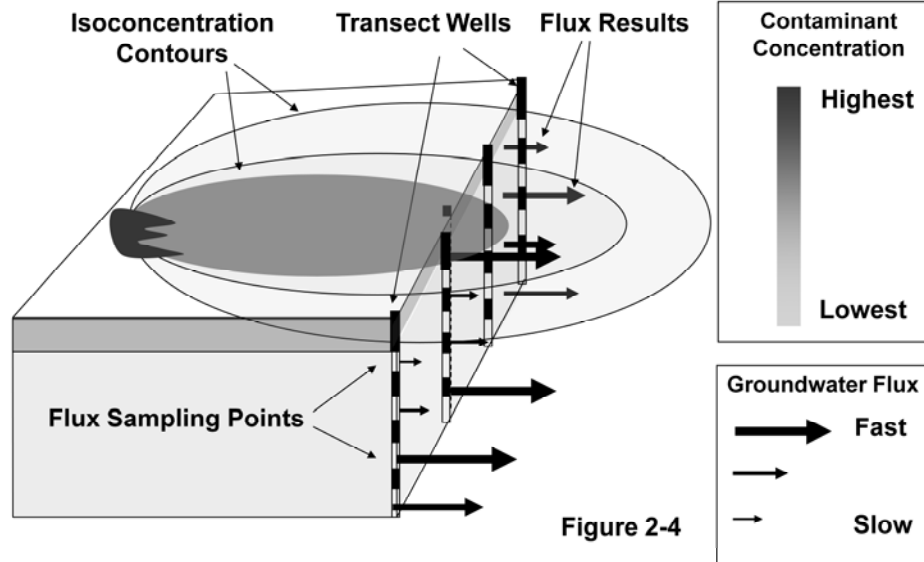
2. Average concentration,  $C_{\text{avg}}$  (g/L)

3. Mass Flux,  $(J) = q \times C$   $\left( \frac{\text{g}}{\text{m}^2/\text{day}} \right)$



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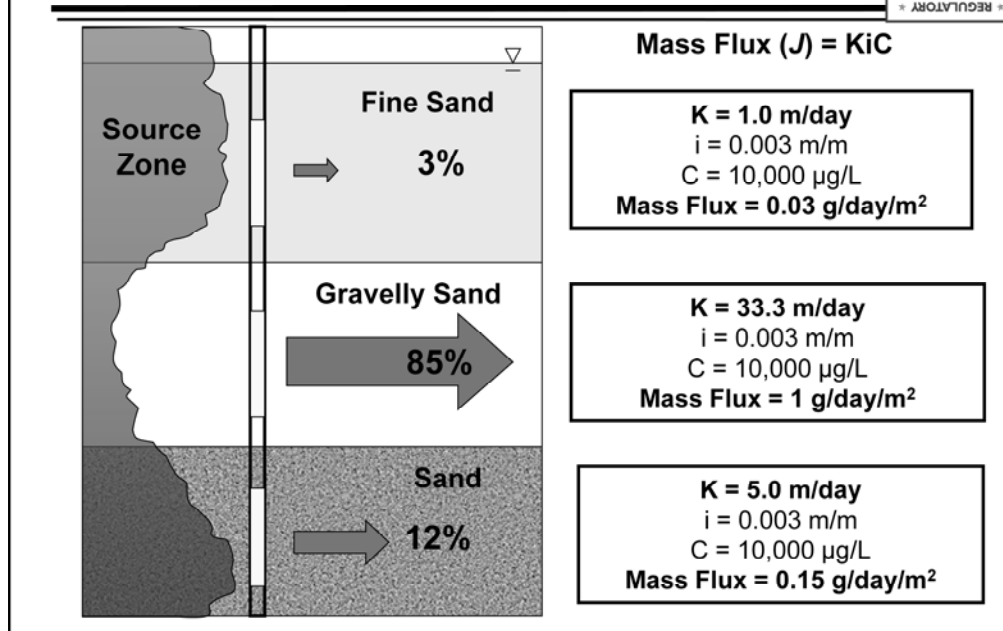
## Mass Flux Can Be Highly Variable



Both concentrations and groundwater velocity can vary dramatically over short distances. Both can also vary over time, seasonally and over longer time frames. The spatial variation in 3 dimensions is generally far more complex than typical representations of contaminant plumes suggest, and it can be important to understand these variations.

## Mass Flux and Concentration

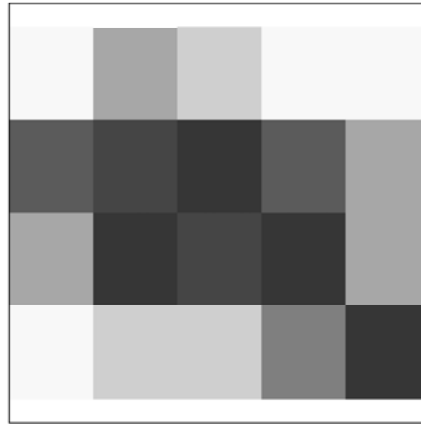
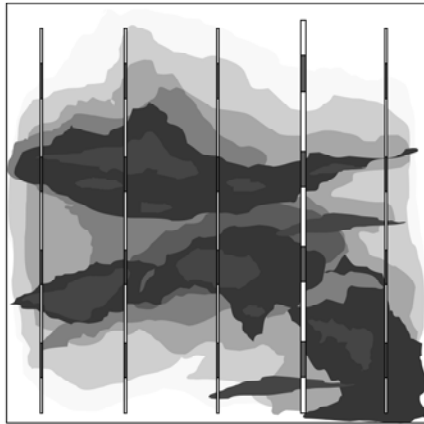
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Illustrative example of an aquifer with identical concentrations and gradients in three sandy layers. But mass flux varies about 30-fold between layers, because the hydraulic conductivity varies, so that 85% of the flux is through only one layer. Even in unconsolidated aquifers, 80-90% of the mass flux may be through only 10-20% of the total plume volume.

Note that the groundwater and mass discharge are based on the Darcy velocity ( $Q=Ki$ ) and not the seepage velocity ( $V_s=Ki/p$ ), where  $p$  = porosity. The seepage velocity, which is the average fluid velocity within the pores, is faster than the Darcy velocity, which refers to the rate of movement of water through the entire area of a plane across the flow direction.

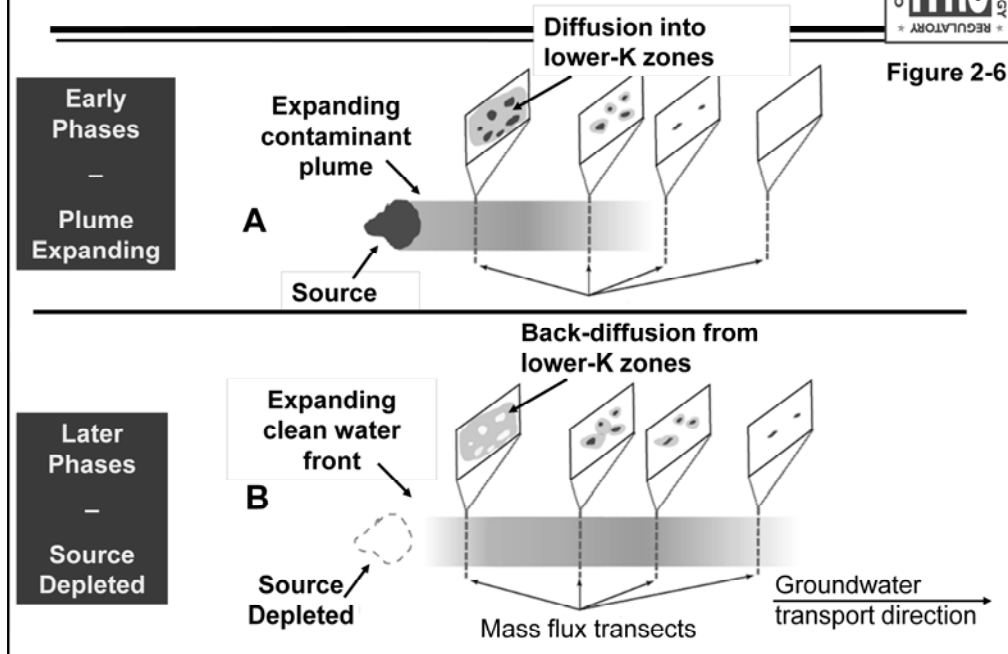
## Interpolation



- ▶ Scale matters – what needs to be measured
- ▶ How to interpolate between highly variable data
- ▶ Most transects sample < 1% of the groundwater

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## Mass Flux and Plume Evolution



In the early phases, most of the mass is in the transmissive zones.

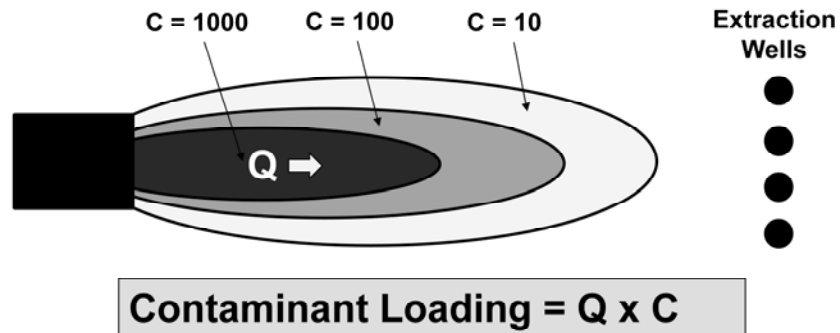
Later, mass diffuses into the lower-permeability zones.

Finally, plumes are sustained by back-diffusion, with relatively little flux in higher-K zones.

Mass flux distribution indicates where to treat most mass and whether back-diffusion is a likely problem.

## Mass Flux and Mass Discharge Are Not New Concepts

- ▶ Basis for source depletion and natural attenuation models
- ▶ Ex situ treatments based on loading rates (e.g., Lb/hr)
- ▶ EPA, 2002: review of 20 pump and treat (P&T) sites
  - 35% of treatment systems to be replaced because mass loading estimates were inadequate



EPA, 2002 reference: EPA 542-R-02-008a-u, November 2002, Pilot Project to Optimize Superfund-financed Pump and Treat Systems: Summary Report and Lessons Learned. More information available at [http://www.epa.gov/tio/download/remed/rse/phase\\_ii\\_report.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/tio/download/remed/rse/phase_ii_report.pdf)

## Uncertainty and its Management

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- ▶ Uncertainty inevitable, but manageable
  - Similar uncertainty with concentration data
  - To successfully establish compliance goals consensus between stakeholders required
- ▶ Spatial heterogeneity and sample volumes
  - May need >> 1% (Li and Abriola, 2006)
- ▶ Source / Plume Boundary?
  - Hard to find and hard to define
- ▶ Solutions
  - Work Smart – Consider source architecture, plume evolution, hydrogeology, etc
  - Consider iterative investigation
  - Vertical variability is usually >> Lateral

No associated notes.

## Advantages and Limitations

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- ▶ Potential advantages
  - Improved conceptual site model (CSM)
  - More representative attenuation rates, exposure assessment
  - Improved remediation efficiency
  - Reduced remediation timeframe
- ▶ Limitations
  - Uncertainty
  - Cost

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# Course Roadmap

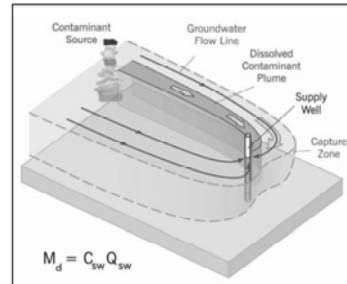
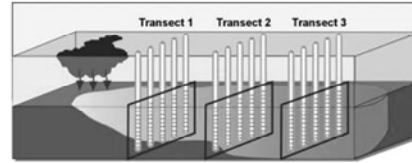
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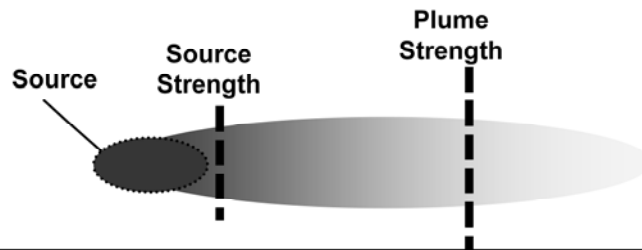


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## Five Methods for Mass Discharge

- ▶ *Method 1*: Transect Method (Sect. 4.1)
- ▶ *Method 2*: Well Capture/Pumping Methods (Sect. 4.2)
- ▶ *Method 3*: Passive Flux Meters (Sect. 4.3)
- ▶ *Method 4*: Using Existing Data (Isocontours) (Sect. 4.4)
- ▶ *Method 5*: Solute Transport Models (Sect. 4.5)

All methods are  
"ready to go"



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## Calculating Mass Discharge: Transect Method Simple Example

Nichols and Roth, 2004

### Step-by-step approach assuming uniform groundwater velocity

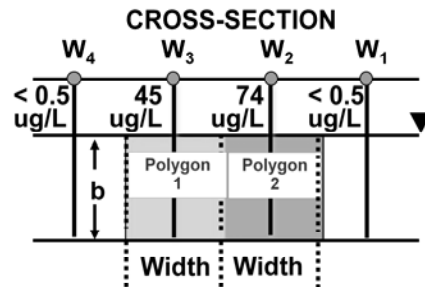
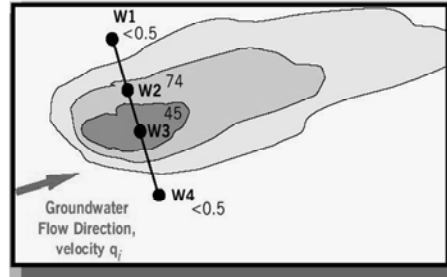
1. Characterize plume (C)
2. Characterize flow (q)
3. Draw transect: with simple approach, just build cross-sectional polygons ("window panes") for each well across flow
4. Determine area ( $W \cdot b = A$ )
5. Multiply and sum together:

$$M_d = \sum (C_n \cdot A_n \cdot q)$$

$M_d$  = Mass discharge

$C_n$  = concentration in polygon n

$A_n$  = Area of segment n



No associated notes.

## Calculating Mass Discharge: Groundwater Darcy Velocity Term (q)

$$M_d = \sum (C_n \cdot A_n \cdot q_n)$$

Calculation of Darcy Velocity

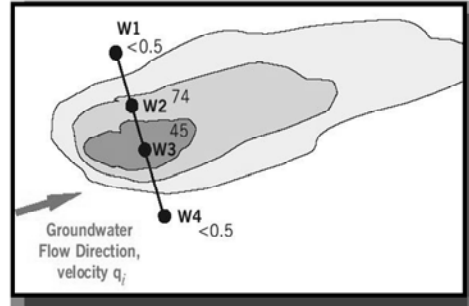
$$q = K \cdot i$$

q = Groundwater Darcy velocity

i = Hydraulic gradient

K = Hydraulic conductivity\*

- Hydraulic conductivity can be determined by pumping test, slug test, or estimated based on soil type
- Don't use porosity – hydraulic calculations for groundwater (such as This equation) don't rely on porosity

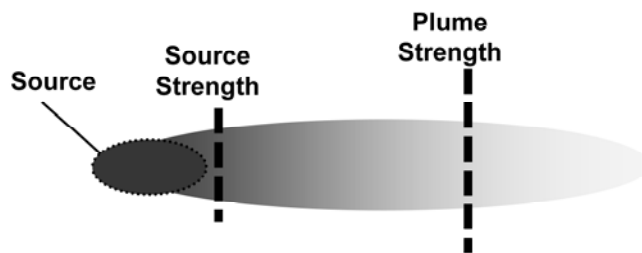


Variability in groundwater velocity - most applications of the transect method to date have assumed a uniform groundwater. Darcy velocity for the entire transect. However, different values for q may be used for different polygons if sufficient data are available.

No associated notes.

## Building Transects: General Rules

- ▶ Can be permanent or temporary installations
- ▶ No special well or sampling points needed
- ▶ Can be based on longer single screen wells or multilevel observations
- ▶ Transect must be perpendicular or close to perpendicular to groundwater flow



No associated notes.

30 **Transect Method:  
Using High Resolution Data**

Nichols and Roth, 2004

- ▶ Multi-level sampling means multiple level polygons
- ▶ Sum up all cells to get Mass Discharge ( $M_d$ ) in units of
  - Grams per day (g/day)
  - or
  - Kilograms per year (kg/yr)

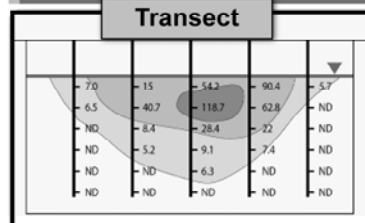
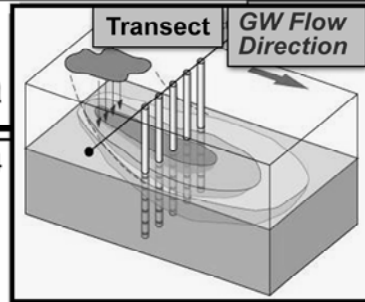


Figure 4-1

In this case

$M_d = 488 \text{ g/day}$  (equal to 175 kg/year)

This is "Mag 7 Plume" (Newell et al., 2011)

	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$w_4$	$w_5$ ▼
$b_1$	7.0	15	54.2	90.4	5.7
$b_2$	6.5	40.7	118.7	62.8	0
$b_3$	0	8.4	28.4	22	0
$b_4$	0	5.2	9.1	7.4	0
$b_5$	0	0	6.3	0	0
$b_6$	0	0	0	0	0

No associated notes.

## How Many Points? Depends on Use

Information from Table 1.1



Remedial Applications	Mass Flux Data Use	Relative Data Density Needed
Active remediation or MNA	Estimate source strength	Low
	Estimate plume stability	High*
	Estimate mass balance-natural attenuation capacity	Medium to High*
Evaluate risk to receptor(s)	Estimate risks and exposures at various points of potential exposure	Low to Medium
Select appropriate technology	Determine remedial action objectives	Low to High
	Determine appropriate remedial technology(ies)	
Develop/optimize remedial design	Evaluate heterogeneities in source architecture	High
	Estimate source strength reductions necessary to transition technology (e.g., in situ biorem. or MNA)	Low
	Estimate distribution of contaminants	High
Evaluate remedial performance	Compare actual mass removal to design. Compare electron acceptors to electron donors	Low to High**
Evaluate compliance / LTM	Determine mass discharge or flux limits to achieve remedial goals	Low to Medium

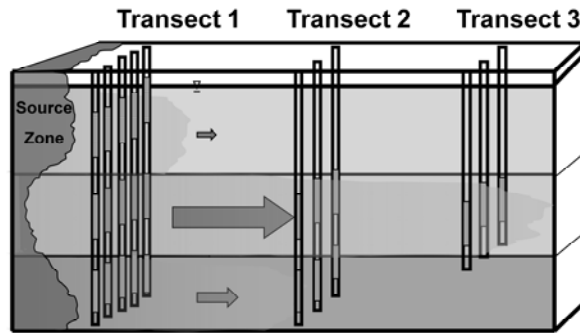
\*If using multiple plume transects

\*\*Depending on system design and treatment volume(s)

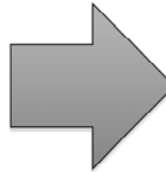
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## Use of Multiple Mass Transects

Design Tailored to Site Conditions and Goals



Mass Discharge vs. *Distance*  
Mass Discharge vs. *Time*



For more info see:  
"EPA's Calculation  
and Use of First-  
Order Rate  
Constants – MNA"  
EPA/540/S-02/500

No associated notes.

## Two Related Concepts

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- ▶ Pre-characterization
  - One option is to use Membrane Interface Probes (MIPs) or some other screening tools to determine where mass discharge is located
  - Then design a mass discharge monitoring system with more focused sampling on high mass flux areas
- ▶ *Site characterization* is different than *long-term monitoring*

No associated notes.

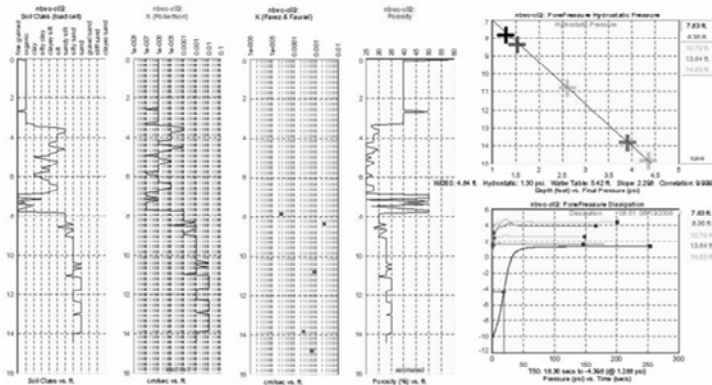
# Tools for Transect Method: High-Resolution Piezocone



- ▶ High-resolution piezocone, MIP (Kram et al, 2008)
- ▶ Plus computational/visualization package (slices)
- ▶ Still experimental

Shows mass flux in 2 or 3 dimensions

Figure 4-7



No associated notes.

# Tools for Transect Method: Calculator

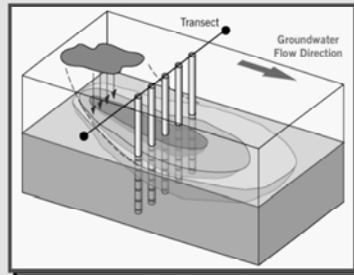


Lead author: Shahla Farhat, Ph.D.  
free at [www.gsi-net.com](http://www.gsi-net.com)  
Microsoft Excel-based



## Mass Flux Toolkit

To Evaluate Groundwater Impacts, Attenuation, and Remediation Alternatives



Calculate Flux

Impact of Flux

Learn About Flux

About Help

Version 1.0 Beta

No associated notes.

36 **Input Data and Grid**

Site Location and I.D.: **Texas**  
 Description: **MTBE**

Data Input Instructions:  
 10.80 → Enter value directly.  
 10.80 → Value calculated by model.

4. CHOOSE  
 6. ENTER T  
 Distance  
 D  
 Hydraulic  
 Uniform  
 Mon

**Key Features of Mass Flux Toolkit**

- Streamlines the data input process
- You pick interpolation method
- It does the calculations
- Uncertainty/sensitivity analysis
- Graphical output
- How to use mass discharge data
- Overall resource for mass flux

20E-02 (cm/sec)  
 20E-03 (cm/cm)

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
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7. CHOOSE GRID  
 Orig mean cell width (x-axis) (ft) **14.0** → Refine cell width by   
 Orig cell thickness (y-axis) (ft) **1.5** → Refine cell thickness by

9. SELECT CONSTITUENT FOR CALCULATIONS  
 MTBE  Constituent B

Next Step: Complete Grid

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See Saved Grids	Print	HELP

No associated notes.

# Input Data and Grid

**Data Input Instructions:**  
 10.80 → Enter value directly.  
 10.80 → Value calculated by model.

Site Location and I.D.: **Texas**  
 Description: **MTBE**

4. CHOOSE TRANSECT: **Transect 1**      5. CHOOSE TIME PERIOD: **1**

6. ENTER TRANSECT DATA  
 Distance of Transect 1 from Source: **193** (ft)

Darcy Velocity     Hydraulic Conductivity     Sampling Interval     Mid Point of Sampling Interval

Hydraulic Conductivity Units: **cm/sec**  
 Uniform Hydraulic Conductivity? **Yes** → Hydraulic Conductivity: **3.20E-02** (cm/sec)  
 Uniform Hydraulic Gradient? **Yes** → Hydraulic Gradient: **2.00E-03** (cm/cm)

Monitoring Point	Distance from Edge of Transect (ft)	Sampling Interval (ft bgs)		Plume Top (ft bgs)	Plume Bottom (ft bgs)	Concentration (mg/L)		
		Top	Bottom			Constituent A	Constituent B	
						MTBE		
1	TR1-2	10	5	10	5	15	2.3	
2	TR1-2	10	10	15	5	15	0.47	
3	TR1-4	27.5	5	10	5	20	19.7	
4	TR1-4	27.5	10	15	5	20	7.2	
5	TR1-4	27.5	15	20	5	20	0.34	
6	TR1-6	45	5	10	5	20	87.2	
7	TR1-6	45	10	15	5	20	35.6	
8	TR1-6	45	15	20	5	20	9.5	
9	TR1-8	62.5	5	10	5	20	54.1	
10	TR1-8	62.5	10	15	5	20	15.3	
11	TR1-8	62.5	15	20	5	20	0.67	
12	TR1-12	80	5	10	5	15	4.5	
13	TR1-12	80	10	15	5	15	5.6	
14								
15								

7. CHOOSE GRID  
 Orig mean cell width (x-axis) (ft): **14.0** → Refine cell width by: **f**  
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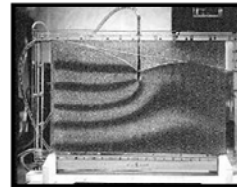
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No associated notes.

## Method 1 – Transects Advantages and Limitations

- ▶ Advantages
  - Commonly used – many applications
  - Direct measurement
  - Extension of accepted technology
- ▶ Limitations
  - High resolution data can be costly
  - Calculations can be time consuming



No associated notes.

## Method 2 – Well Capture/Pump Tests

Nichols and Roth, 2004

- ▶ Instead of plume flowing downgradient you capture the contaminant plume and measure flow, concentration on surface, but

- Pumping should not induce dissolution at the source
- Pumping needs to reach steady state
- High confidence that plume has been captured

- ▶ Some pump and treat (P&T) systems can be ideal for Method 2

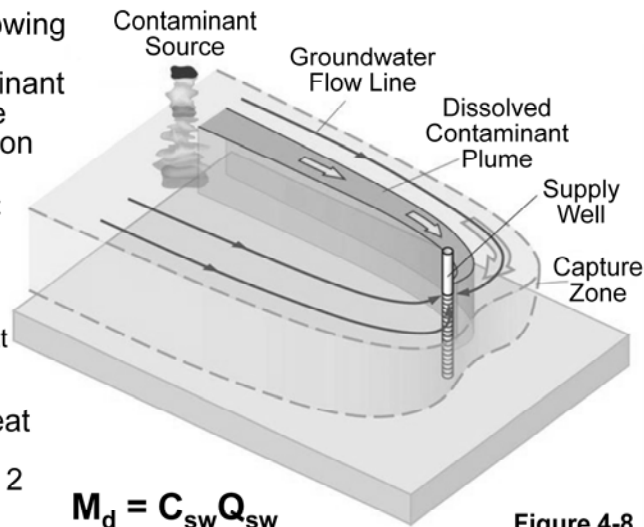


Figure 4-8

No associated notes.

## Well Capture Mass Discharge Calculation

Nichols and Roth, 2004



Figure 4-8

### Measure $Q$ , $C_{\text{well}}$ from well

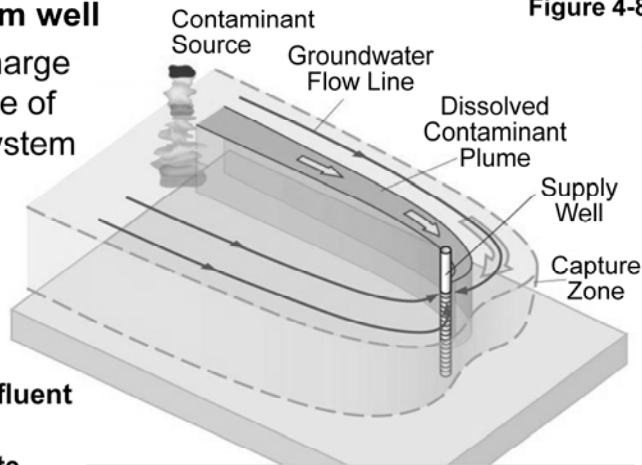
Calculate mass discharge based on total capture of plume by pumping system

$$M_d = Q \times C_{\text{well}}$$

$M_d$  = Mass discharge (grams per day)

$C_{\text{well}}$  = concentration in recovery well effluent (grams per liter)

$Q$  = Well pumping rate (liters per day)



$$\frac{\text{gram}}{\text{liter}} \times \frac{\text{liters}}{\text{day}} = \frac{\text{grams}}{\text{day}}$$

No associated notes.

## More Sophisticated Version Method 2

### ► Integral Pump Tests (IPT)

- Steady state flow conditions, but handles changing heterogeneous concentrations in plume

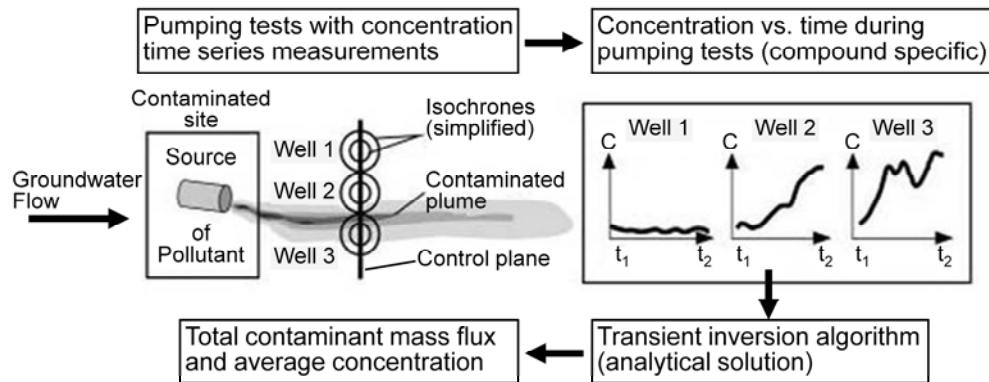


Figure 4-9. Estimating Mass Flux Using Integral Pump Test Series Data

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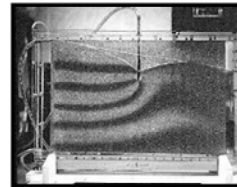
## Well Capture Methods Advantages and Limitations

► Advantages

- Fewer wells
- Better integration of flow and concentration data
- Can use existing pumping system

► Limitations

- No mass flux data
- Large volumes of water that need disposal/treatment
- Possible to change plume characteristics
- Difficult to assure full plume capture

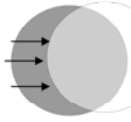


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## Method 3 – Passive Flux Meter

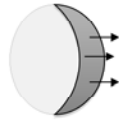
### ► Permeable sorbent

- Accumulates contaminant based on flow and concentration



### ► Soluble tracers

- Loses tracer based on groundwater velocity and flux convergence calculations



1. Contaminant adsorbed onto passive flux meter over time to get Concentration

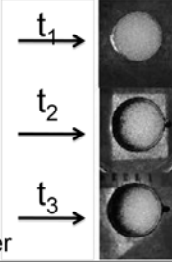
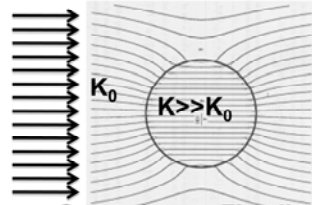


Photo: Dye intercepted in a meter

2. Tracer desorbs from passive flux meter over time to get Flow (Q)



Groundwater Flowlines

Source: Hatfield and Annable

No associated notes.

# Passive Flux Meter



Installation



Sampling

Vendor: <http://www.enviroflux.com/pfm.htm>

No associated notes.

## Passive Flux Meter Advantages and Limitations

### ► Advantages

- “One stop shop” for both flow and concentration
- Easy to install in the field
- No waste generated
- Vendor available to implement this method

### ► Limitations

- Some method-specific issues (lower measurement in pushed wells, slight biodegradation of tracer at one site, competitive sorption under some conditions)
- Relies on well convergence calculations



No associated notes.

## Method 4 – Use Existing Data (Transect Based on Isocontours)



- ▶ Uses existing well network and plume map
- ▶ Combine with flow data

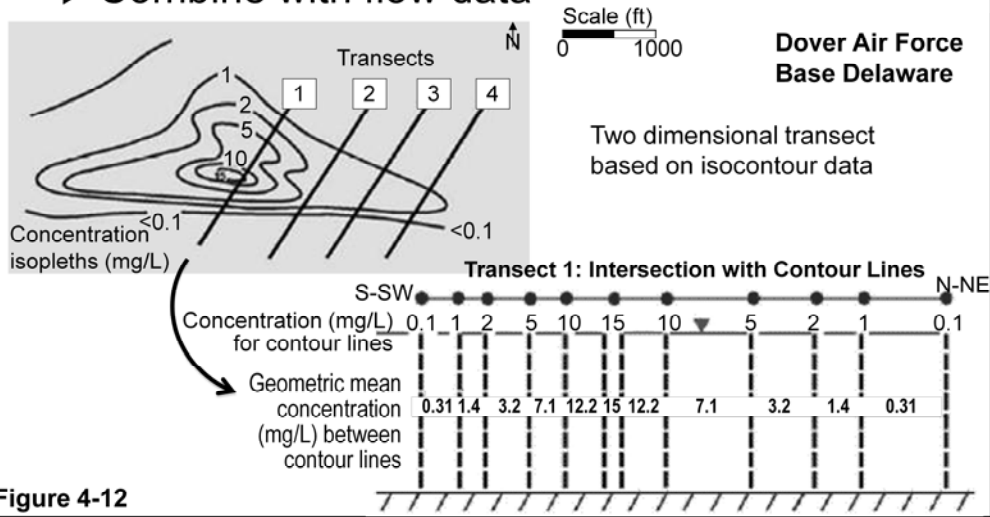


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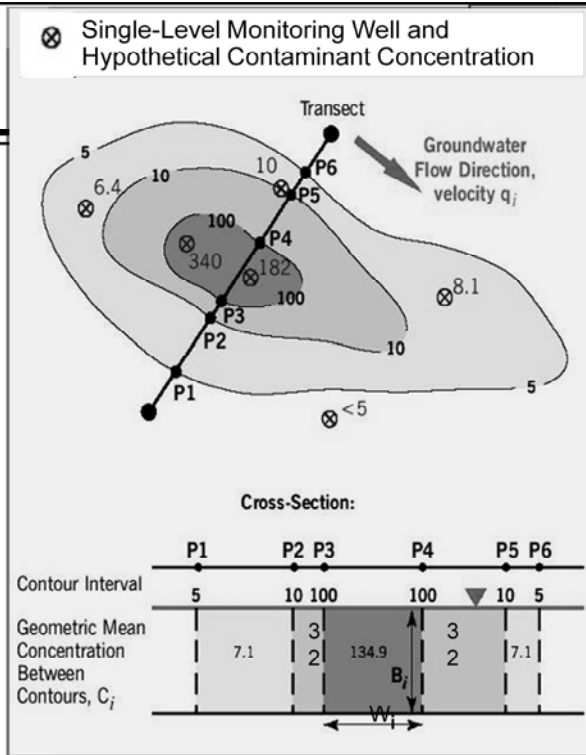
No associated notes.

47 **Calculating Mass Discharge from Isocontours**

**Plume Contour Data**

1. Get isocontours from existing plume map
2. Build transect using points where isocontours intersect transect line (you can add actual wells if close to contour)
3. Apply Transect Method (Method 1) Calculations

Nichols and Roth, 2004



No associated notes.

## Isocontour Method Advantages and Limitations

### ► Advantages

- Does not need special field study. Can use existing, historical data from existing monitoring system
- Limited additional expense

### ► Limitations

- Wide range of opinion about usefulness of this method
  - Can be inaccurate if plume map is built with only a few wells. For example consider:
    - Gas station site with 5 wells throughout entire plume: **not likely** to provide high quality mass flux/mass discharge data
- versus
- Well characterized site with 40 wells in source zone: **likely** to provide higher quality data



No associated notes.

# Measurement Method 5 – Computer Models



- ▶ Using computer models



**Models Integrate Flow and Concentration**

1. Calibrate model
2. Get flow and concentration data across transect
3. Example Below from BIOSCREEN

DISSOLVED HYDROCARBON CONCENTRATIONS IN PLUME (mg/L at Z=0)

Transverse Distance (ft)	0	32	64	96	128	160	192	224	256	288	320
100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
0	12.021	7.387	5.927	5.208	4.742	4.392	4.101	3.841	3.595	3.352	3.099
-50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
-100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>MASS FLUX (mg/yr)</b>	0.1E+3	9.8E+3	7.8E+3	6.9E+3	6.3E+3	5.8E+3	5.4E+3	5.1E+3	4.8E+3	4.4E+3	4.1E+3

Time:  Target Level:  mg/L Displayed Model:

Plume and Source Masses (Order-of-Magnitude Accuracy)

No associated notes.

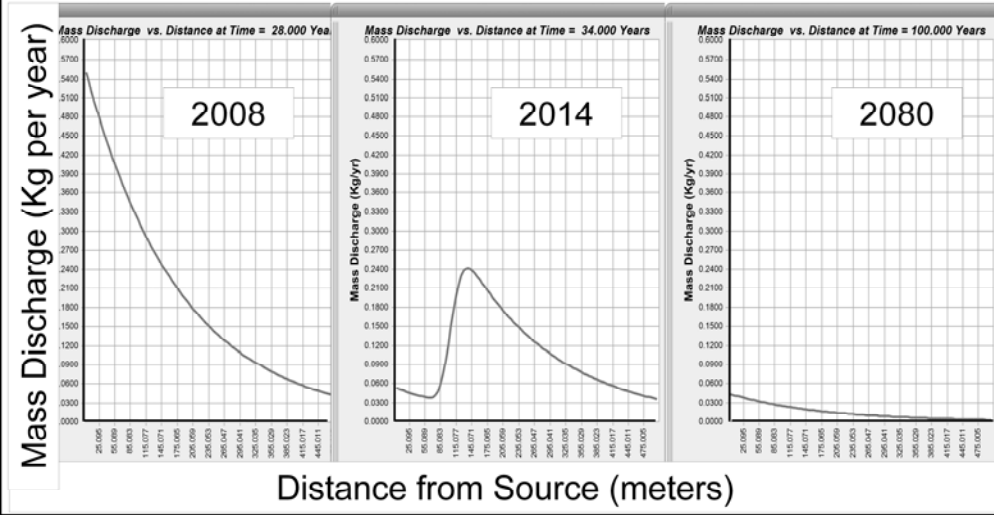
# REMChlor Model of Source Remediation



Source: Ron Falta, Clemson Univ.



Remove 90% of mass in 2010.  
 REMchlor shows mass discharge vs. distance in future years



No associated notes.

## Measurement Method 5 Models with Mass Discharge



<u>Model</u>	<u>Model application and type</u>
BIOSCREEN	Fuel Hydrocarbon MNA, Analytical
BIOCHLOR	Chlorinated Solvent MNA, Analytical
BIOBALANCE	Chlorinated Solvent MNA, Analytical
MODFLOW/MT3DMS	General. Numerical
MODFLOW/RT3DMS	General, Sequential Degradation, Numerical
MODFLOW/MT3D	General. Numerical
MODFLOW/RT3D - rtFlux	General. Numerical
REMChlor <i>New!</i>	Hydrocarbon, Chlorinated Solvent

From Table 4-3

No associated notes.

## Computer Model Method Advantages and Limitations



- ▶ Advantages
  - Does not need special field study. Can use existing, historical data from existing monitoring system
  - Models are designed to combine flow, concentration data
- ▶ Limitations
  - Helpful to have experience/training in using models
  - Need good data – both flow and concentration data
  - Amount of data depends on what information is being used for
    - For example - need absolute or relative number?
    - Table 1.1 in Guide (shown under Transect Section) provides more detail

No associated notes.

## Five Methods for Mass Discharge

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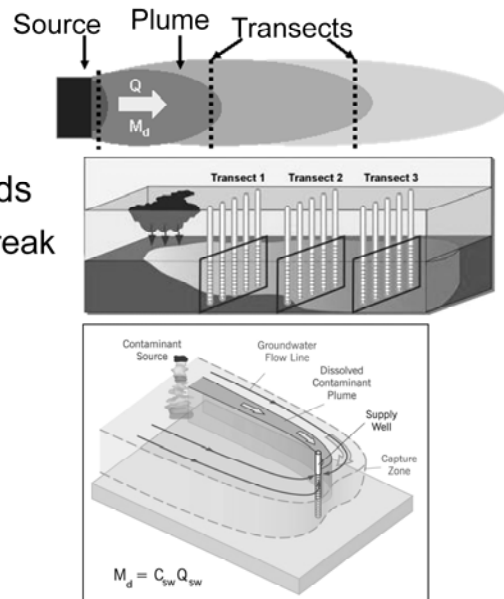


- ▶ *Method 1: Transect Method (Sect. 4.1)*
  - Commonly used. Based on familiar technology
- ▶ *Method 2: Well Capture/Pumping Methods (Sect. 4.2)*
  - Many pump and treat systems doing this now.
- ▶ *Method 3: Passive Flux Meters (Sect. 4.3)*
  - New technology, easy to install, one device for flow and concentration
- ▶ *Method 4: Using Existing Data (Isocontours) (Sect. 4.4)*
  - Uses existing data. Cost effective, but requires good monitoring network.
- ▶ *Method 5: Solute Transport Models (Sect. 4.5)*
  - Combines flow and concentration data. Helpful to have experience

No associated notes.

## Question and Answer

- ▶ Mass concepts
- ▶ Measurement methods
- ➔ Question and answer break
- ▶ Application
- ▶ Case studies
- ▶ Summary



No associated notes.

## Course Roadmap

- ▶ Mass concepts
- ▶ Measurement methods
- ➔ ▶ Application
- ▶ Case studies
- ▶ Summary

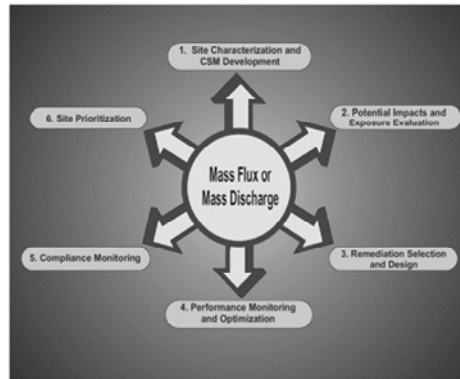
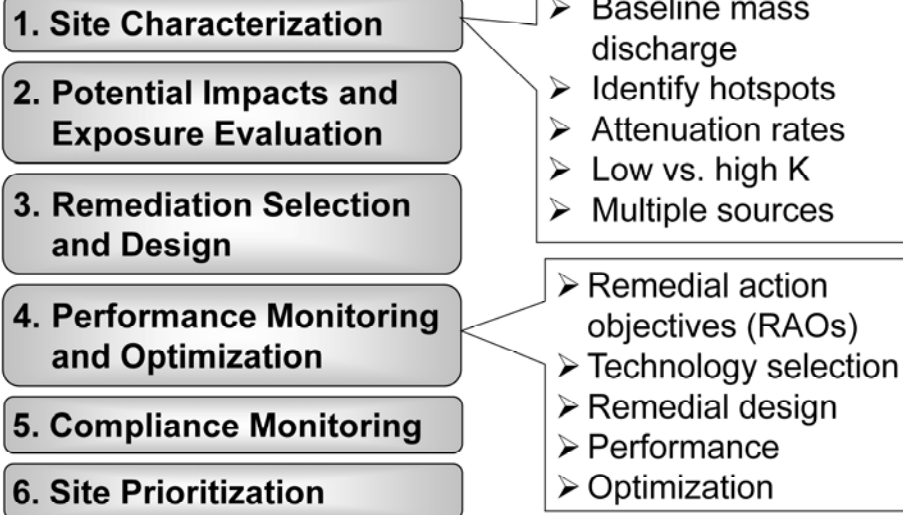


Figure 1-1

No associated notes.

## Six Use Categories from Case Studies



•Based on review of case studies we identified five categories of mass flux and mass discharge “uses”:

•Some categories, like “site characterization” and “remediation” are fairly broad and encompass several sub-categories

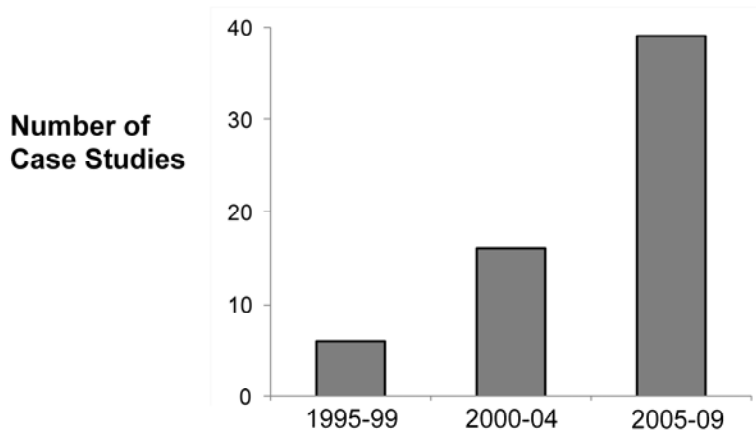
•And it should be noted that some sub-categories of “site characterization” may occur after a remedy has been selected, but there is reason to suspect things are working as planned due to incomplete site characterization, so the site characterization uses don’t necessarily happen in the beginning.

- 1.Site Characterization
- 2.Potential Impact Assessment
- 3.Remediation
- 4.Compliance Monitoring
- 5.Site Prioritization

# Increasing Use of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge

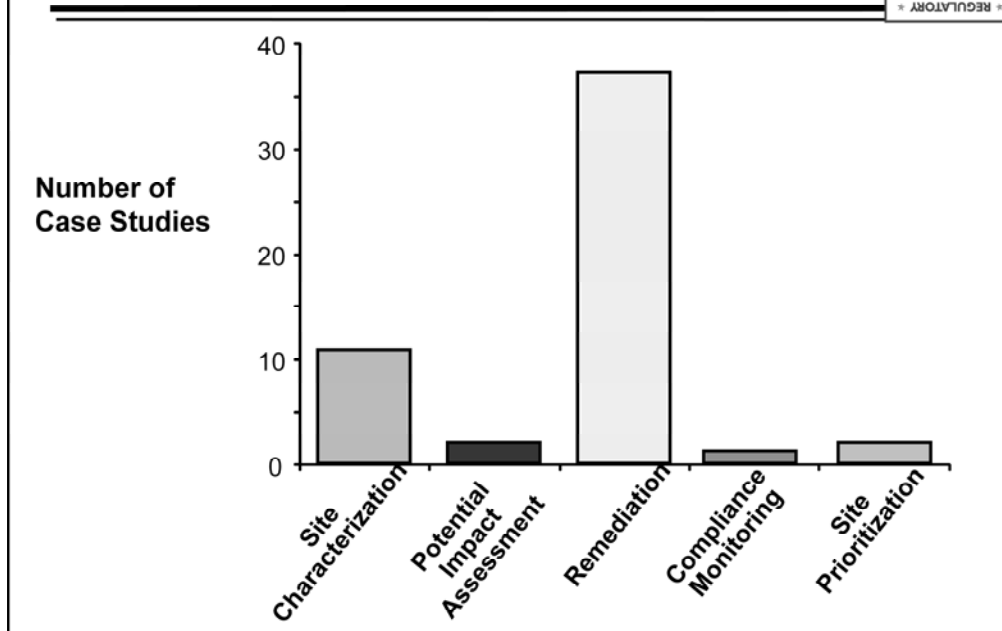


Rapid increase in use since 1995



No associated notes.

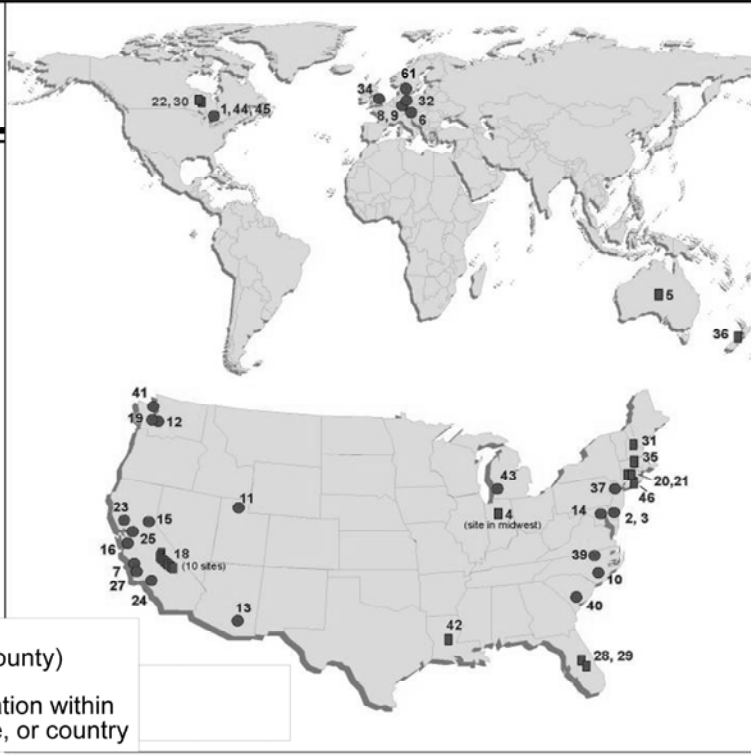
## Over 61 Case Studies Documenting Mass Flux and Mass Discharge Use



The use of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge is increasing, as the chart shows  
Includes all "use" categories:

1. Site Characterization
2. Potential Impact Assessment
3. Remediation
4. Compliance Monitoring
5. Site Prioritization

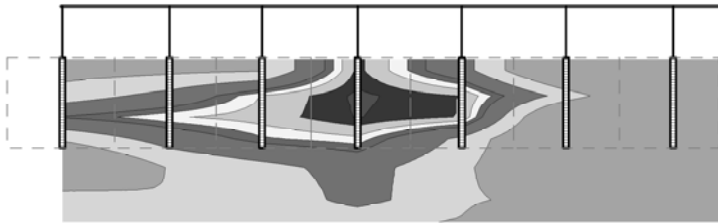
# Where Mass Discharge Has Been Used



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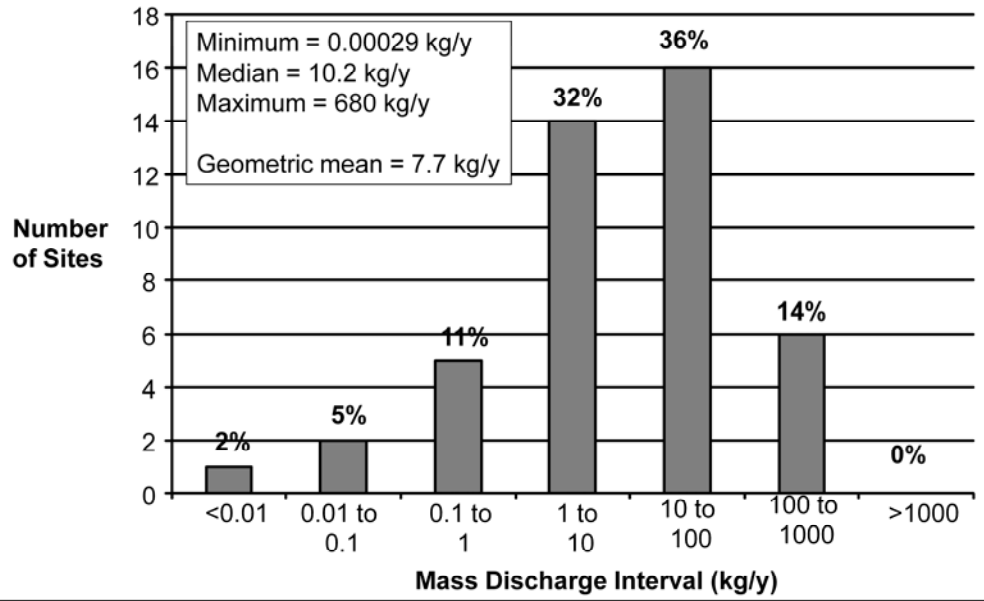
## Reasons for Increased Use

- ▶ New studies → heterogeneous mass flux from source zones (e.g. Guilbeault et al., 2005)
- ▶ Improved monitoring techniques
- ▶ Recent focus on improving remediation efficiency
- ▶ New databases comparing technology performance based on source strength reduction



No associated notes.

# Frequency of Sites with VOC/SVOC Mass Discharge Ranges



No associated notes.

## Mass Discharge Calculations for Various Sites



Site	Contaminant	Mass Discharge (g/d)	Reference
Sampson County, NC	MTBE	0.6 - 2	(Borden et al, 1997)
Vandenberg AFB, CA	MTBE	4 - 7	Unpublished
Unnamed Site	MTBE	4	Unpublished
Elizabeth City, NC	MTBE	7.6	Wilson, 2000
St. Joseph, MI	TCE	167	(Semprini et al, 1995)
Dover AFB, DE	CVOCs	630	(RTDF 1998)

Table adapted from Einarson and Mackay (2001) ES&T, 35(3): 67A-73A

No associated notes.

63 **Using Mass Discharge: Estimating Well Impacts**

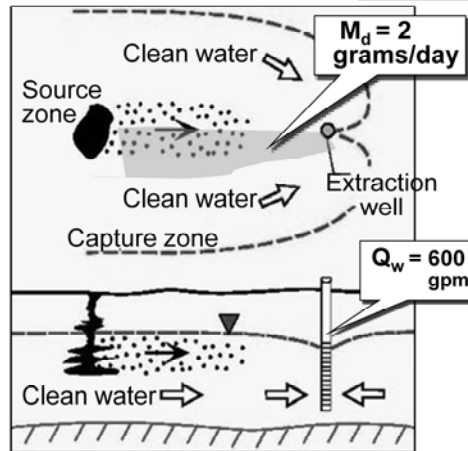
Einarson and Mackay, 2001



Use mass discharge of plume to predict constituent of concern concentration in downgradient water supply well

$$C_{\text{well}} = M_d \div Q_{\text{well}}$$

$C_{\text{well}}$  = Concentration in extraction well  
 $Q_{\text{well}}$  = Pumping rate for extraction well



$$2 \text{ g/day} \times \frac{1}{600 \text{ gpm}} \div 1440 \text{ min} \times \frac{1 \text{ gal}}{3.79 \text{ L}} \times \frac{10^6 \text{ ug}}{\text{g}} = < 1 \text{ ug/L}$$

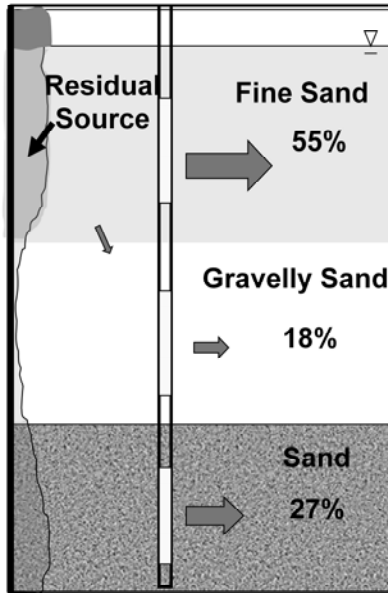
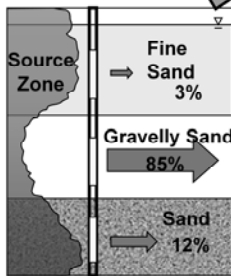
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64 **Example:  
Prioritizing Treatment Zones**



As the source is depleted, more mass remains in less permeable regions.

This preferential depletion may alter the priorities for remediation.



**Mass Flux (J) = KiC**

**K = 1.0 m/day**  
*i* = 0.003 m/m  
**C = 5,000 µg/L**  
**Mass Flux = 15 mg/d/m<sup>2</sup>**

**K = 33.3 m/day**  
*i* = 0.003 m/m  
**C = 50 µg/L**  
**Mass Flux = 5 mg/d/m<sup>2</sup>**

**K = 5.0 m/day**  
*i* = 0.003 m/m  
**C = 500 µg/L**  
**Mass Flux = 7.5 mg/d/m<sup>2</sup>**

This figure illustrates why using mass flux and mass discharge can improve remedy selection, design, and performance monitoring.

In this case, there are 3 sandy layers each with identical gradients (.003). But conductivity varies among them 33-fold, from 1 m/day in the fine sand layer at the top to 33 m/day in the gravelly sand, and the concentrations vary by two orders of magnitude from 50 ug/L in the gravelly sand to 5,000 ug/L in the fine sand top layer. In this figure, the highest concentration is in the least permeable layer.

As a result, the mass flux is highest in the fine sand at 15 mg/day/m<sup>2</sup> and lowest in the gravelly sand at 5 mg/day/m<sup>2</sup>.

## Mass Flux/Discharge Applications

### 1. Site Characterization

► Shows

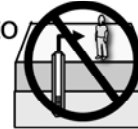
- Effect of natural attenuation



### 2. Potential Impacts and Exposure Evaluation

► Quantifies

- Potential impacts to wells and streams



### 3. Remediation Selection and Design

► Guides

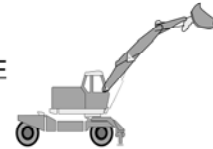
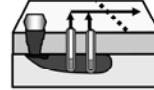
- Where remediation is needed

### 4. Performance Monitoring and Optimization

### 5. Compliance Monitoring

### 6. Site Prioritization

ON-SITE : OFF-SITE



No associated notes.

## Regulatory Precedence

- ▶ Federal Superfund...signed Record of Decision (ROD) identifying a mass discharge interim goal [Well 12A site, WA, Oct 2009]
- ▶ Surface water regulation (e.g., Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)) is based on mass discharge
- ▶ Groundwater extraction gives estimate of mass discharge over capture zone
- ▶ Natural attenuation relies on mass discharge reduction



I NPDES permits you are required to report concentration and mass measurements

## Regulatory Acceptance – Needs

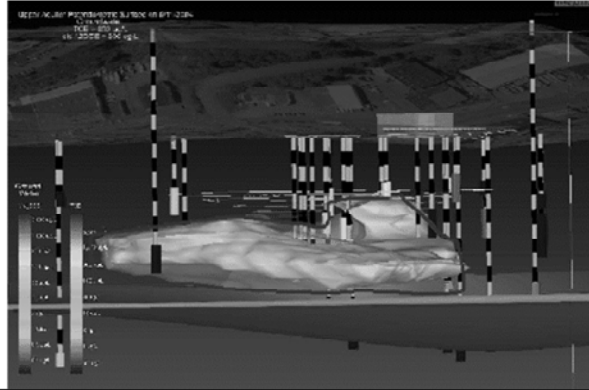
1. Develop comfort level with mass flux and mass discharge (Mf & Md) concepts, estimation methods, and uncertainties
2. Understand how mass discharge relates to risk-based concentration standards
3. Envision a future compliance role for Mf & Md:
  - To assess threat potential to receptors
  - To assess remedy performance
  - As a trigger for switching to MNA (or another remedy)



No associated notes.

## Course Roadmap

- ▶ Mass concepts
- ▶ Measurement methods
- ▶ Application
- ➔ ▶ Case studies
- ▶ Summary



So far we've heard very useful information about how mass flux and mass discharge can be used to support site characterization and remediation, and amount some of the interesting methods for estimating mass flux and mass discharge.

Even though the use of these mass data isn't new, the frequency of use of mass data has grown rapidly in the past few years. To gain some insights on how these data are being used across the industry, we conducted a detailed review of about 65 case studies where mass flux or discharge were estimated.

The results of this detailed review are included in tables in an appendix at the back of the Overview document, including a summary of site-specific mass discharge estimates with different methods, value added to the site through the use of mass, numbers and spaces between wells when used with the transect method, etc.

What we're going to do now is review several case studies that demonstrate how estimating mass flux and discharge can add value at some of your own sites.

## Frequency of Method Applications



<b>Mass Flux and Mass Discharge Measurement/Estimation Method</b>	<b>No. Sites Where Applied</b>
Transects with groundwater sample collection	41
Integral Pump Test(s)	7
Transects with passive flux meters	5
Isoconcentration contours	2
Mass Balance	2
Solute Transport Model	1

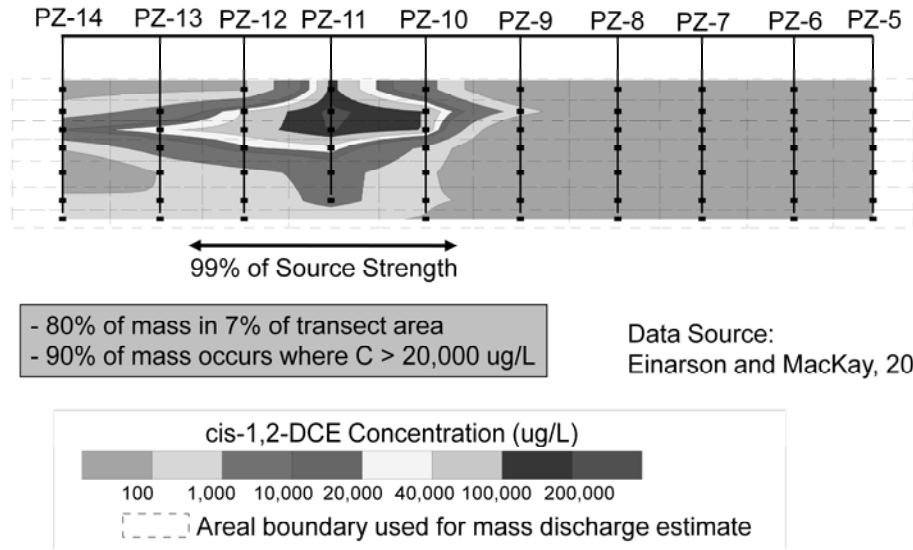
This table lists the frequency that various methods were used to estimate mass flux and discharge in the published case studies.

We can see from this table that the most common method for estimating mass discharge is the use of transects with the collection of groundwater samples. This method is probably the most common because it's relatively simple to apply in the field.

From the published case studies, we have seen more recent use of integral pump tests to estimate mass discharge at transects, as well as passive flux meters.

Many of these reported case studies were specifically intended to compare methods for mass flux estimation or performance of an in-situ treatment technology.

## Example No. 1 Characterization and CSM Alameda Naval Station, CA



The data for this site were published in a class mass flux paper written in 2001 by Einarson and MacKay and published in Environmental Science & Technology.

This contour map shows the distribution of concentrations of cis-1,2-DCE in a transect that is approximately 30 meters in length.

These data show the same trend that we have seen in other sites where high resolution monitoring has been conducted.

And more than 80% of the mass is situated in less than 7% of the transect.

Over 99% of the mass is situated in less than 30% of the transect cross-sectional area.

Identifying the core of the plume mass such as was done at this site can help to focus remediation and monitoring efforts which may result in substantial cost and time savings.

## Example No. 2 – Mass Discharge (Md) as an Interim Remedial Goal Compliance

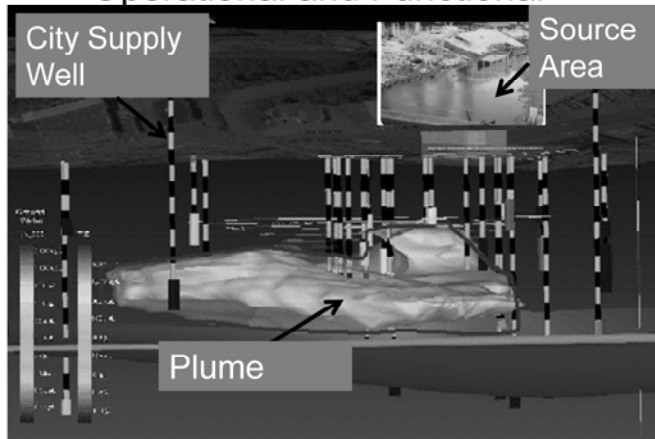
### Mass flux and mass discharge

Focused Feasibility Study evaluation:  
Reduce source strength (Md) by 90%, MNA sufficient to achieve compliance

ROD amendment:  
Multi-component remedy- reduce source discharge Md by 90% & transition technology (if necessary)

### ► Well 12A Superfund Site, WA

- Performance metric → remedy Operational and Functional

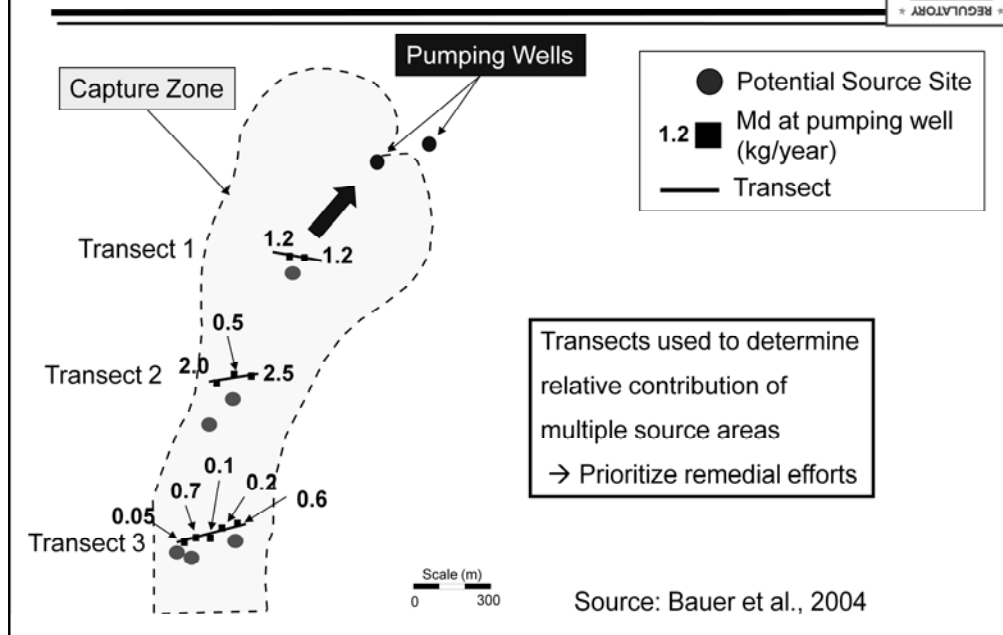


Next we'll talk about the Well 12A Superfund Site in Washington where mass discharge was negotiated as an interim remedial goal.

As part of the Focused Feasibility Study, groundwater modeling determined that a reduction in source strength of 90%, which represents an order of magnitude decrease, would be sufficient for compliance to be achieved through MNA.

So here's an example of a site where mass flux and mass discharge are being used not only as a performance metric to evaluate treatment efficiency, but also as a decision guide for when to transition from active treatment to MNA.

## Example No. 3 – Site Prioritization



Our third example is a regional basin with a commingled PCE plume that was created as a result of multiple source sites throughout the basin.

The red symbols indicate locations of potential sources contributing to the commingled PCE plume in the basin.

The yellow zone represents the capture zone for the regional supply wells shown here in blue.

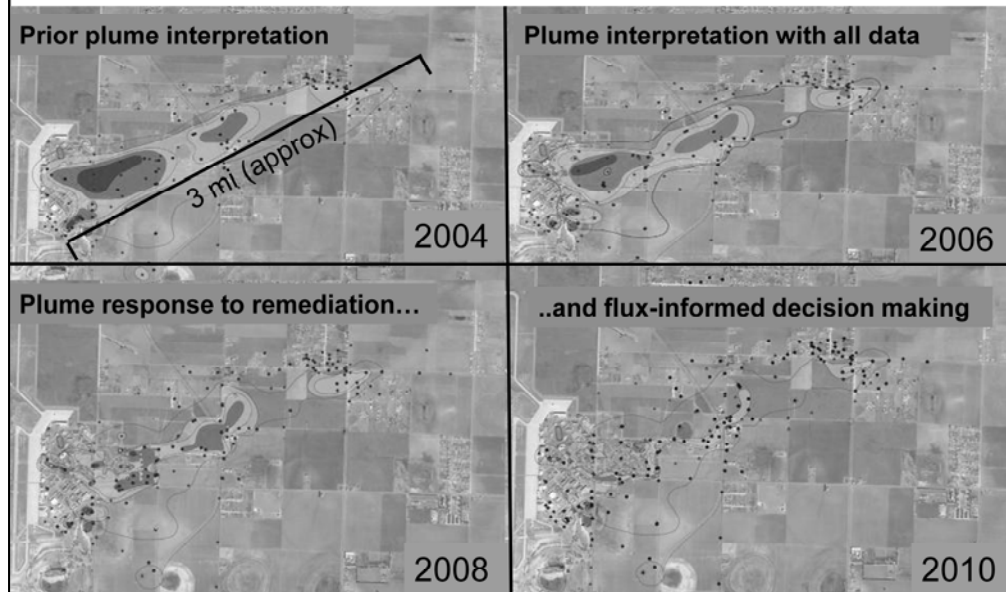
The purpose of mass discharge monitoring was to evaluate which sites required further investigation and remediation, and which sites required no further action.

In the basin, multiple transects of pumping were installed downgradient of specific sites. The southern transect had a negligible mass discharge, so it was decided that these potential source sites in the south were not a priority for further investigation.

This example where sources at multiple sites are prioritized, is analogous to what we see at larger sites where multiple source zones exist. At these large sites, we can use a similar approach to prioritize which source zones need immediate treatment, and which can either be designated as a lower priority or requiring no further action.

## Mass Flux to Target Remediation: Reese Air Force Base

Case study from  
F. Payne, ARCADIS



The fourth example, Reese AFB, is really interesting. This example was provided by Fred Payne at Arcadis.

Here's a site that back in 2004 had a 3-mile long TCE plume. Response to remediation had stagnated.

When Arcadis became involved, they recognized that more characterization of the source zone was needed to define how the mass was distributed.

This enhanced characterization of mass flux in the source zone resulted in the decision to focus active bioremediation where mass was highest in the source zone.

The enhanced mass flux characterization was also used to optimize the use of groundwater extraction wells to accelerate mass removal from the source zone.

This is an example of what Fred appropriately calls "Flux-informed decision-making", where the mass flux distribution was used to improve the efficiency of the remediation effort.

Through this effort the mass in the plume has been reduced by a factor of ten and is still decreasing today.

## Course Roadmap

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- ▶ Summary

No associated notes.

## Mass Flux and Mass Discharge Summary

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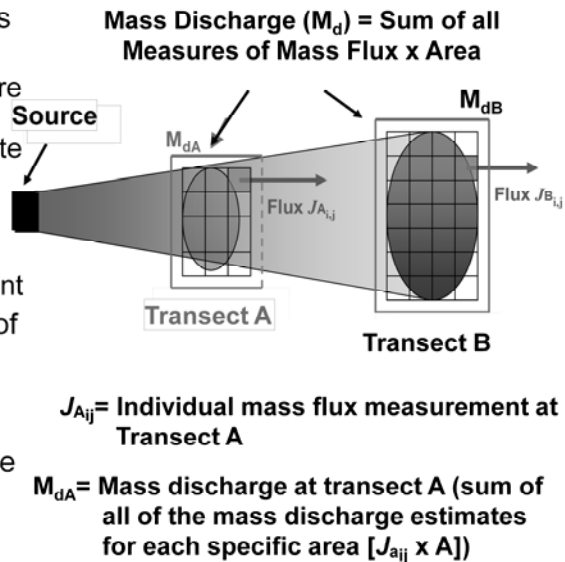


- ▶ Estimating mass may
  - Improve conceptual site models
  - Enhance remedial efficiency
  - Refinement of exposure assessment
- ▶ More effective site management
- ▶ Can use historical data and existing monitoring networks in some cases
- ▶ Can enhance compliance measurements

No associated notes.

## Questions to Consider

- ▶ Why should I estimate mass flux/discharge at my site?
  - Characterization, exposure assessment, remedy selection, optimization, site prioritization, compliance
- ▶ How do I calculate mass flux/discharge?
  - Figure 2-2 of the document
- ▶ What are the cost/benefits of using mass flux/discharge?
  - Life cycle cost reduction, targeted remediation
- ▶ Can mass flux help measure compliance?
  - Mass reduction



No associated notes.

## Additional ITRC Technical and Regulatory Guidance



- ▶ Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy (IDSS-1, 2011)
  - Further describe uses of mass flux and mass discharge estimates
  - Cleanup strategy
  - Goals and objectives
  - Treatment trains
  - Monitoring
- ▶ Integrated DNAPL Site Characterization (ISC-1, 2015)
  - DNAPL characteristics
  - Life cycle of a DNAPL site
  - Integrated site characterization
    - Plan
    - Tools selection
    - Implementation

No associated notes.

## Thank You for Participating



- ▶ **Question and answer break**
- ▶ **Links to additional resources**
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